

Whereas, It is fitting for South Dakota to recognize outstanding contributions by special citizens of this great state; and,

Whereas, Sue Brown will retire after 10 years of providing leadership as President and Chief Executive Officer to the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation (SFACF); and,

Whereas, Under Sue's decade of leadership, the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation has grown from a nonprofit with \$5 million in assets and making \$500,000 in annual grants into a respected organization managing more than \$50 million in assets and awarding nearly \$6 million in annual grants; and,

Whereas, Sue's work on a pilot project to raise charitable endowments secured SFACF's place in an unprecedented 5 year, \$10 million matching grant initiative from the Kresge Foundation in Troy, Michigan; and,

Whereas, Sue had a vision for Sioux Falls and it has been realized through SFACF's role in developing public parks, strengthening arts organizations, supporting human service agencies and creating scholarships and other charitable programs; and,

Whereas, Sue distinguished herself as a tireless community and state leader, serving as a board member for the South Dakota State Housing Authority, Sioux Falls School District, Sioux Empire United Way, Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and many other church and community civic organizations. Her efforts have helped area nonprofits broaden their programming and services while becoming more self-sufficient; and,

Whereas, Sue lives her daily life with a passion for philanthropy and compassion for others, inspiring them to make a difference through her caring and selflessness. She has fostered the Youth Advisory Council to instill in a new generation that giving is a way of living; and,

Whereas, Sue balances all these roles with a rich family life as beloved wife to Dick, mother to Matt, Terra and Jeni and grandmother to Nancy and Ryken; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 29, 2005, as

SUE BROWN DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State